

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Toshiharu HAYASHI et al. : **Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH**
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COVER FOR SECONDARY BATTERY

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims:

Kindly amend claims 5 and 6 as follows.

5. (Amended) A lid of a secondary battery as claimed in claim 3 wherein said sealing member is made of a fluororesin.

6. (Amended) A lid of a secondary battery as claimed in claim 3 wherein said sealing member comprises a flat plate having a hole to form said flange portion, and a cylindrical portion that is separate from said flange portion.

Kindly add new claims 8 and 9 as follows.

8. (New) A lid of a secondary battery as claimed in claim 4 wherein said sealing member is made of a fluororesin.

9. (New) A lid of a secondary battery as claimed in claim 4 wherein said sealing member comprises a flat plate having a hole to form said flange portion, and a cylindrical portion that is separate from said flange portion.

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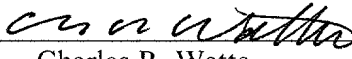
REMARKS

The above claim amendments are presented in order to remove multiple claim dependencies, so as to reduce the required filing fee.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attachment page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

Respectfully submitted,

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insulating member and said sealing member to said body,
and a lead wire mounted to one end face of said rivet.

4. A lid of a secondary battery comprising a plate-shaped body formed with a hole, a cylindrical sealing member inserted in said hole formed in said body, said sealing member having a flange portion at one end thereof and made of an insulating material, a rivet inserted in said sealing member and caulked to join said sealing member to said body, and a lead wire mounted to one end face of said rivet.

5. A lid of a secondary battery as claimed in claim 3
~~or 4~~ wherein said sealing member is made of a
fluororesin.

6. A lid of a secondary battery as claimed in claim 3
~~or 4~~ wherein said sealing member comprises a flat plate
having a hole to form said flange portion, and a
cylindrical portion that is separate from said flange
portion.

7. A lid of a secondary battery as claimed in claim 6
wherein said cylindrical portion is made of a
fluororesin.